

H. Res. 119

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

March 9, 2005.

Whereas 2005 marks the 60th anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima, in which the United States Marine Corps and other units of the United States Armed Forces assaulted and captured the island of Iwo Jima during World War II;

Whereas the United States success in capturing Iwo Jima was a crucial victory that provided a location for necessary airbases to eventually win World War II in the Pacific theatre;

Whereas, in recognition of the particularly hazardous battle-field conditions experienced by the Marines and other members of the United States Armed Forces on Iwo Jima, Commander in Chief of the Pacific Fleet, Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz stated that “Among the men who fought on Iwo Jima, uncommon valor was a common virtue.”; and

Whereas more than 70,000 Marines participated in the Battle of Iwo Jima, of whom 17,372 Marines were wounded and 5,931 Marines made the ultimate sacrifice, giving their lives to secure the cause of freedom and the United States victory in the battle: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes the 60th anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima; and

(2) recognizes and commends the members of the United States Marine Corps and all other members of the United States Armed Forces who participated in the Battle of Iwo Jima for their sacrifice and contribution, with particular honor given to those members of the Armed Forces who gave their lives in defense of freedom during the Battle of Iwo Jima.

Attest:

Clerk.